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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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October 16, 2000

Sir:

Supplementally to the AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 that was filed on September 18, 2000, please correct twice-amended claim 3 to read:

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~~3. (twice amended) A cellulose acetate according to Claim 2 [1], wherein the total content of the alkali metal and the alkaline earth metal in 1 gram of the cellulose acetate is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  equivalent or less in terms of ion equivalent.~~

REMARKS

The AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 that was filed on September 18, 2000 inadvertently mischaracterized a portion of the unamended portion of claim 3. Claim 3 – twice amended – as presented here, correctly identifies the claim 3 metal content as  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ .

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**Comments:**    This is supplemental to the Amendment which we filed on 09/18/00.